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Constable Dianna Dauphinee introduces the event's panelists at a youth wellness forum at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, last wednesday. *Photo by Mark Arike*.

Young people must be part of solution

By Lisa Gervais

A community forum on 'supporting youth in wellness' was held last Wednesday in Haliburton, but despite repeated comments that young people must be part of a solution to what's been deemed a community in crisis, *The Highlander* only found one student in the middle gym.

Another current Grade 12 student told the paper she didn't know anything about the

Nov. 30 'Hurting to Hope' gathering. She hadn't heard about another one, Oct. 30, at the Haliburton Legion, either.

"We haven't been notified at all," the student told *The Highlander*. The forums have been advertised for 'all caring adults.' But, more and more, it's being acknowledged that students, and parents' voices must be heard.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

(HHSS) graduate Maddie Phippen was there last week. On social media, she's publicly condemned the school, Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) and the police for a lack of action on bullying, which she and others say contributed to the sudden death of Grade 9 student Phoenix Acero last May – one of the deaths that has sparked this crisis in Haliburton County.

Phippen said police have claimed that bullying reports get seriously investigated but "that is far from the truth" and "the school does not do anything."

The TLDSB says schools in Haliburton County are tackling bullying and other issues that affect the well-being of students. Some of the supports they offer include assemblies, restorative practices for new

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teachers and a mindful martial arts program (offered at HHSS), among others. They also say they work with local agencies to support students when "critical incidents" occur.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP says people must report incidents so they can conduct "thorough and detailed investigations." They say they strive to maintain bully-free environments. If laws are broken, "criminal charges will be laid" and then it's up to the courts to make a ruling, they say. (See related story on p. 3 by Mark Arike).

Amid all of this, educators and parents packed last week's forum to listen to a panel of experts.

Marg Cox, the executive director of Point in Time, which organized the forum, told The Highlander in an interview, "I think the TLDSB, and the high school specifically, are really trying hard to make a difference in a very difficult situation. It's very tricky when you know a lot of information and you're not able to share it. Parents could feel ... 'I'm not being heard, it's not being dealt with,' but I do know, in fact, it is being dealt with," Cox said.

The Grade 12 student, who spoke on condition of anonymity, conceded it's sometimes hard to prove bullying when students can use Snapchat, which erases messages in 10 seconds.

Not enough being done

about it ... it's irritating."

She added that when Phoenix passed away, students wrote on his locker but she claims the school sanded it off twice until students threatened to bring power tools to remove the locker door and give it to Phoenix' mother, Dulce.

Catherine Shedden, spokeswoman for

the TLDSB, did not address the locker issue specifically but said ways are provided for students to "respectfully acknowledge and honour a classmate who has died." For example, a book or poster board for

comments and signatures, that are then given to the family.

She said that immediately following a student or staff death, grief counsellors are available at the school for as long as needed

"It is important to note that teachers are not necessarily comfortable speaking about the death of a student beyond the initial sharing of the news. Also, teachers may be asked to not have class conversations about a particular situation as this may trigger an emotional response from one or more students. Teachers direct students to the supports available at the school," Shedden said. She added that teachers also feel the loss and students who need to talk need to go to the school guidance office.

Local counsellor Dianne Mathes told *The Highlander* in an interview a lot of teens have never experienced death, unless it's a grandparent, so to lose a peer, "threw them into a lot of chaos, confusion, grief and overwhelm."

She said when summer ended, and the shock abated in the fall, "that's when we started seeing kids not wanting to go back to school, not being able to focus, saying 'I can't do this. I'm overwhelmed,' drinking more, using dope, because at this point they're into some very deep pain around the grief and they don't know what to do with it so they numb it out. "

She thinks "both the high school and

police could be doing much more around education" when it comes to grief and bullying.

"Where do we have conflict resolution in our community? What Executive Director, do you do if someone steals your girlfriend and you're really angry and

upset? Well, you text. You're mad and you say all sorts of stuff."

The Grade 12 student told us it's not just text bullying. She said she had a kid in class tell her to kill herself and claims "the teacher just looked at me, looked at him, looked at me and continued the lesson." Just the other day, she said some kids pelted her face with dimes, for no apparent reason.

A friend has been fat-shamed, she said, and despite complaining, it's been over a month and nothing's been done.

Students afraid to go to school

"A lot of what we want is security," she says. "Because going to school is terrifying. I know people who cannot go to school because it makes them feel sick because the school doesn't do anything.'

She said HHSS has tried, but there's been no follow through. For example, there was a grade assembly at the beginning of the year where she said kids were told bullying would not be tolerated.

They were offered a chance to send their complaints online to be dealt with. But she said they're not acted on and kids can't be anonymous.

She said students won't go to the office to report bullying either since you "walk out with a target on your back the size of an elephant.'

"What I think they need to do, and what I'm hoping will happen, is that they'll actually start cracking down on the things they said they were going to," the student

Shedden said the board can't respond to specific comments shared with The Highlander by students, other than to encourage them to speak to someone in the guidance office and "all concerns shared by students are investigated, and if necessary, acted upon."

Dr. Ian Manion, a clinical psychologist who specializes in youth mental health and suicide, told The Highlander "suicide is a complex phenomenon associated with many factors that interact together to put someone at risk." He said there is a link between bullying, both as a victim and as a perpetrator, and suicidal thoughts and behaviour.

However, he said, "It is not clear if the link is a direct association or related to other co-occurring factors, such as mental health status, sex and gender, social context, etc."

"Not everyone who has had suicidal thoughts or behaviours has been bullied," Dr. Manion said, "and not everyone who has been bullied has suicidal thoughts and behaviour." He said relational violence, including bullying, "clearly has an impact upon the mental health of those involved."

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However, she's adamant not enough is being done to help students deal with their emotions, or about bullying.

"We are actually not allowed to speak about what happened to Phoenix. If a teacher overhears, they're mostly likely going to tell you, you just shouldn't talk



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Five OPP officers were at the event. Photo by Mark Arike.

Board and cops tight-lipped

By Mark Arike

When it comes to bullying in schools, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) and the OPP say they take the issue very seriously and are doing their part to keep kids safe and maintain a healthy environment.

But, according to several parents and students who are sharing their thoughts on social media, it's not enough. Many of these recent comments have been directed at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, where one young teen died suddenly in May. He, allegedly, was the victim of bullying.

In an effort to find out more, *The* Highlander has requested information regarding bullying incidents at HHSS. But what we've discovered is that statistics are hard to come by.

"Number of reports data is not gathered," said Catherine Shedden, the TLDSB's communications manager, when asked how many incidents have been reported to staff and administration in the last two years.

Instead, Shedden provided a chart of suspensions and expulsions across the board for the last eight years.

Her response was similar when asked how many parents or guardians have been called or mailed about bullying incidents in the same time period.

"The school and board does not gather data around numbers of calls and emails regarding any particular incident," she said.

According to the TLDSB's Bullying Response Strategy, if a complaint has been made against another student for bullying, the bully's parent is contacted by phone and sent a letter to inform them about it. They are also supposed to be told an investigation has confirmed there is substance to the complaint and they should speak to their child about their behaviour. Further complaints can lead to suspension, expulsion and police involvement.

Officers with the Haliburton Highlands OPP were unable to tell us how often they've had to investigate bullying incidents at the high school, citing confidentiality reasons. Several questions sent to Const. Dianna Dauphinee weren't directly answered.

"I believe the responses I have provided are appropriate given the scope of your questions," said Dauphinee. "The OPP is

not in a position to speak any further with regards to this matter."

OPP Sgt. Peter Leon suggested the paper file a Freedom of Information request for this information.

"The questions that you are seeking responses to pose a bit of an issue when it comes to the OPP providing a response," said Leon, who is the OPP's Central Region media relations officer. "Calls for service are operational in nature and not something that we can openly discuss due to privacy issues, the possibility of victim identification and that could lead to re-victimization in any number of forms."

In her first email, Dauphinee provided the same comment that appeared in other local media last month. It said the OPP provides "safe and positive learning environments and encourages victims of bullying to report these incidents." She added the OPP works closely with its partners and delivers "proactive messaging on how to effectively deal with bullying," and that incidents are investigated.

"Those who choose to break the law, will be held accountable for their actions both by the OPP and provisions contained within the Ontario Safe Schools Act."

As for Dauphinee's response, Joe Evans, interim detachment commander, said she is following orders from "corporate bureau and therefore myself."

Each school is required to have a PRISM plan. The acronym stands for Prevention strategies; Response to incidences of bullying reports; Intervention strategies; Support mechanisms for those affected by confirmed incidences of bullying; and Monitoring strategies. According to the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Procedure, schools must "communicate this to the school community and submit it to the superintendent of safe and accepting schools and the area superintendent."

Schools also have a Safe and Accepting School Team comprised of staff to discuss supports for students, school activities and initiatives, said Shedden.

A copy of the high school's PRISM plan was provided to *The Highlander*. See the full document on our website at thehighlander.ca.

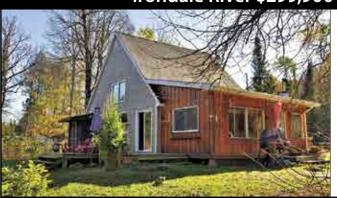
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Youth drop-in centre for county under development

By Mark Arike

Young people will need to be part of the solution when it comes to improving the health and wellness of their peers, says Dr. Ian Manion, a clinical psychologist who specializes in youth mental health and suicide.

"Engage the youth to lead in the solution, so that it happens," Manion told community members who gathered in the high school's

gymnasium Nov. 29 for "Hurting to Hope," one of two recent forums for "a community in crisis."

He gave examples of successful youth programs in other parts of the world. One is Headspace, a youth mental health foundation in Australia that offers integrated services. This includes mental health, addictions, physical health, housing and vocational supports. Manion said it has

increased access to services for those who wouldn't typically access them.

Organizations in the community, including Haliburton Highlands Health Services and Point in Time, are in the midst of developing a youth hub. In addition to including youth, Manion said it will require multiple services and input from families.

Some provincial funding might be available, but it shouldn't be the deciding

"I say if you do it, don't do it because there's government funding available. Do

it because it's the right thing to do for your community," he said. "Then start looking at how you do it."

During the forum, Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time, said that Sticks and Stones Productions is interviewing young peopls for a video on establishing a drop-in centre. "Youth I've talked to over several years feel they need a safe place, a place where they can engage in activities, decide what that space would look like and how it would be operated," said Cox. "It's an opportunity for people in the community to come together with youth to put in a proposal for a youth wellness hub."

The hub would offer physical care and mental health services to 12-25-year-olds, she said. Point In Time is seeking letters of support for the initiative.

In addition to Cox and Manion, fellow panelists from local agencies answered audience questions about bullying, social media, school policies and other topics. Current services in the community were highlighted.

School board trustee Gary Brohman thought the information was valuable and that it's important to talk about bullying.

"It's a complicated issue, but from what I heard ... is we must address this. It's no different from a knee injury, a shoulder injury or something we go see the doctor about," said Brohman.

To get involved or join Point in Time's contact list, call Lindsay at 705-457-5345 or email lindsayk@pointintime.ca.

Do we have enough resources?

By Lisa Gervais

Local counsellor Dianne Mathes wants to make sure that programs for students are staffed by people with the skills and expertise needed.

"Do they have a clinical plan, a safety plan and protocol for talking to these kids so they're knowing what sort of emotional state and thoughts are going through these kid's heads as they're leaving these programs?" Mathes asked, during an interview with The Highlander.

She added that a really big question for local organizations is "are you upping your crisis response services? If these kids are really struggling, what's the wraparound blanket that holds them in

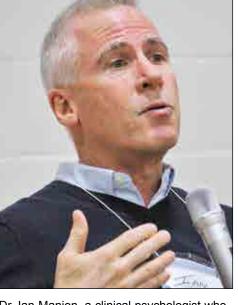
"Parents aren't therapists. Kids may or may not talk to parents. Once parents recognize, 'ok, more help is needed,', there's not the wraparound blanket without putting kids through a whole assessment with a psychiatrist," she said.

"We need additional funding now. We're in a community crisis."

Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time, said in an interview that funding and resources are a piece of the puzzle, noting children's mental health services have only had a three per cent funding increase in Ontario in the past 25 years. She said she's concerned about it and plans to meet with MPP Laurie Scott.

She added Point in Time's umbrella organization, Kinark Child and Family Services, is involved. "They've been working very hard trying to work with the hospital in Peterborough. We've heard from parents and youth that they've had some challenging times trying to access regional hospital services. We're working very hard with other service providers to try to come up with better pathways in, from our community in Haliburton.

"We know we need a multi-level approach and different things from different people. We want everybody around the table together."



Dr. Ian Manion, a clinical psychologist who specializes in youth mental health and suicide, spoke about successful health hubs and issues facing youth. Photo by Mark Arike.

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MOECC raps Minden Hills' knuckles - again

Second order for Scotch Line

By Lisa Gervais

The Township of Minden Hills has been slapped with its second Provincial Officer's Order in about five months' time at the Scotch Line landfill.

Issued Nov. 30, it comes on the heels of the township still trying to comply with an original order handed to them on June 19. That one cited leachate concerns and improper material in a too-large waste and demolition pile.

This time around, the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) isn't happy about the storage and slow removal of hazardous waste items.

Last Thursday's order prompted a special council meeting Monday at which Mayor Brent Devolin said, "I wasn't very happy when I saw this Thursday afternoon."

Ivan Ingram, the township's environment and property operations manager, brought the order to council for discussion and Highlands Environmental, which is contracted by the municipality at the site, also had representation at the meeting.

Ingram admitted to being slapped on the wrist for not providing paperwork to the MOECC as well, which is represented by the Peterborough district office, senior environmental officer, Gary Muloin, who issued the order.

"That's my bad. I never got trained on how do that," Ingram said.

But the larger issue, according to the order, stems from what they observed Oct. 19, and during subsequent site visits.

"Materials such as waste paint, waste oil, waste compressed gases, waste batteries and waste pesticides being stored outdoors (on the ground) at the site." They further noted, "some of the containers of waste oil were not properly secured with a lid, and containers of pesticides were observed to be laying on the ground."

They further wrote in their order that the

area was not fenced, more material was there than permitted, and some was not stored properly.

After that Oct. 19 visit, the ministry requested the township take action to have the waste removed by a licenced waste carrier and disposed of at a licenced waste disposal site.

However, they said they visited Oct. 31, Nov. 6 and Nov. 14 "and noted that subject waste materials were being stored at the site in a similar manner to what was initially observed on Oct. 19, 2017."

The township and ministry exchanged emails between Oct. 22 and Nov. 17, it was noted. A Nov. 20 township email said waste had been removed on Nov. 17 by Buckhorn Transport Limited. But the ministry visited Nov. 21 only to find a significant amount of waste remained. They demanded removal as soon as possible.

Township staff said Buckhorn would be back Nov. 29 to finish the job. On Nov. 30, the ministry was back at Scotch Line to watch Buckhorn load up. However, there was too much waste for one truckload and they would have to come back.

Ingram promised everything would be gone no later than Dec. 6.

In its order, the MOECC said, "the remaining subject wastes must be removed from the site in order to avoid a spill of a contaminant which may result in an adverse effect."

Ingram told council he had submitted an action plan going forward but did not know as of Dec. 4 if it had been accepted.

He said in future, the township has to educate the public about not putting hazard waste in general garbage or leaving it at the gate. He said perhaps more hazardous waste days are needed.

Devolin said the township may have to clamp down on those who bring hazardous waste to the dump outside of hazardous waste days.



Ivan Ingram, the township's environment and property operations manager speaks at a recent township meeting. *File photo*.





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Pressing for answers

For the past couple of weeks, we've spent a considerable amount of time trying to get a better understanding of how schools in Haliburton County handle bullying and what is being done to protect students dealing with it.

That's because young people and their parents have openly expressed their frustration with the system and many have taken shots at staff, the school board and police. A lot of that angst has been directed at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS), where one young teen died suddenly in May.

Since there's always two sides to a story, we reached out to principal Dan Marsden, the Trillium Lakelands District School (TLDSB) and the Haliburton Highlands OPP. And right out of the gate, we discovered the barrier of bureaucracy.

A list of about a dozen pointed questions were sent to Dianna Dauphinee, the OPP's media relations officer for the area. We wanted to know how many times police have been called to HHSS in the last two years and if any complaints have led

to criminal charges. We also asked for specifics about the work Dauphinee does in schools, particularly around bullying.

What we received was a canned response—which recently appeared in another local news story—about the OPP's position and the judicial system. We pressed for information and were told the OPP wouldn't provide further comment due to the "scope" of the questions. We learned Dauphinee is following orders and that only an FOI request could get us

We realize the importance of confidentiality, especially if there's an ongoing investigation involving minors. But it's also a barrier to uncovering how situations have been handled—and evaluating whether the response was effective.

In an email to Marsden and the TLDSB's communication manager, Catherine Shedden, we requested statistics about bullying incidents to only find out no such information is gathered. Shedden also told us there's no data on how many parents

have been called or emailed about these incidents, and they didn't know how many times police may have been called to the school.



By Mark Arike

Without this information, how does the community know what's happening? Is bullying getting worse? Have reports skyrocketed since the advent of social media? Maybe it's not as bad as it's made out to be.

And perhaps the principal—the most senior staffer who is around students every day—should be allowed to share his insights. Protocol forces him to redirect media inquiries to Shedden and the board. We haven't heard from him on this issue.

TLDSB and HHSS should do a better job of record-keeping and make that information readily available, when it's warranted. Increased transparency is what the community needs as it tries to heal.

The Outsider

The curse of guaranteed happiness

Christmas is upon us. Did I really need to write that? Kind of stating the obvious, isn't it. Sorry, you must imagine that I think you're all a bunch of thickos.

I don't, honest, but it is that time of year when all common sense and reasoning flies out the window. And with it nowadays often seems to fly the sense of mystery, too. I say this because on glancing at Little Z's advent calendar this morning, I noticed a large white sticker in one corner of the store bought, chocolate-filled calendar; it read, "Mini Candy-Filled Reindeer On Christmas

Writ large, right there on the front of the box, it told us what the final, the most anticipated treat would be. Can people not bear be left in suspense, to trust that the chocolate company might make something a little special for the kids? Are folks today so obsessed with control that they can't buy into a little mystery with their favourite candy maker?

"Bah Humbug," that's what I say. Actually, my granddad used to treat us to the odd humbug and they tasted great!

But, back on to my festive rant, and now to the Elf on the Shelf. There has always been the threat of 'no presents if you haven't been good' at Christmas, and 'Santa knows ...' but to infiltrate a billion houses with all-seeing spy elves, who watch silently from a perch upon high during the day and then report back to the big guy at night! I'm surprised that there hasn't been a horror movie made about such soft toys that come alive after dark and do dastardly things. Oh wait, I remember Chucky from Child's Play.

And what's more the Elf, who does not even have a cute name – in official circles he is known only as NAFTA (Naughty Alert Festive Transmission Agent) – is more sinister than Chucky. He presents no obvious physical threat, it is all psychological, more like something from The Exorcist!

But, am I wise to joke about such serious

I feel safe in the knowledge that the shelf perching midgets have not yet infiltrated my house but please be careful who is

watching when you read this because I fear for my safe haven. And, we still don't fully understand just who these little men

capitalizing upon!

By Will Jones

Maybe the Elf and his brethren are not spies for Santa at all but instead work for the big box toy stores. They are the evil Toys-R-Us Spy Team, otherwise known as TRUST (boy, I'm getting good with these acronyms), sent in to survey our homes and ensure that there are no nasty surprises in the shape of non-consumerist Christmas trends that the toy manufacturers are not

Holy moly, now I'm really onto something and it's starting to worry me. I think I'm gonna leave you with that thought while I go off and 'elf proof' my house - low fences around the perimeter and a grumpy cat should do – and check to see whether the Mini Candy-Filled Reindeer in Little Z's advent calendar contains a listening device.

Merry Christmas, I hope!

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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: Do you think township councillors are paid enough for their duties?



Anne Hodgson

Minden

They need to be properly paid so the best candidates put their names forward, and to retain the great politicians we now have.



Christine Sharp

Minden

No. The assumption is that they have other jobs to supplement their income but many don't.



Mary Minto

Minden

No. I don't think they are paid enough considering all their obligations.



David Gray

Haliburton

There should only be one municipal government.



Elli Nash

Haliburton

I think it really depends on how hard you're working.

Photos and interviews by Highlander staff

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Maddie Walker poses with her five-year-old pooch Storm at the Minden Animal Hospital for Pet Photos with Santa on Nov. 18. *Photo by Jennifer Hughey.*



Clients of Community Support Services enjoy a turkey dinner while Gord Kidd and Friends perform. There's been dinners in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce. *Photo by Mark Arike*.

'Committed and willing', not 'rich and retired': reader

Dear editor,

Re: councillors pay, *The Highlander*, Nov. 30, 2017. I don't always agree with the decisions council makes and I haven't been shy about voicing my concerns but there is no money in the world that would entice me to put my life to the scrutiny that public office requires.

Bravo to those who are brave enough to do so. And, then, while the citizen's telescopes are following every move, they must try to make the best and wisest decisions they can. Often those decisions are not popular and remain associated with that elected representative forever.

Rich and retired? I think 'committed and willing' would be better words. I would vote for the poorest, youngest man or woman who wants to try for the job if I thought they would do it well. If it doesn't work out after they have been given a chance, then vote for someone else next election.

Jon James Minden

Send your letters to editor@thehighlander.ca

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A problem to deal with

Dear editor,

As we drive around, we see many eyesores of messy yards, cars, farm machinery etc. just rusting away. Aren't we worried about pollution?

It sure is appalling the amount of scrap metal there is around this province. And every township has at least one mess to clean up.

Who would need a part off a machine 50 years old? It would be rusted, seized and

At the corner of Arden and Clark Roads there are about 50 vehicles just rusting away in the bush. And, at Highway 41 and Vennacher Junction, there is another one of trucks, heavy equipment and a saw mill.

A lot of these eyesores would pay the taxes for a year

Letters

There is no need to wait for the price of scrap metal to increase as it's decreasing every day.

The steel mills would be inundated with metal but they would be happy to see it cleaned up to beautify the province.

We need a province-wide clean property bylaw and it has to be cleaned up within three weeks of the laws passing.

If not, the township or a contractor could be hired at the property owners expense and the money for the vehicles etc. would go to the township.

Winston E. Ralph Bancroft

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Lottery raises funds for telemedicine services

By Mark Arike

In the last five years, the Cash for Care lottery has raised \$137,000 for priority equipment for the county's hospitals. Proceeds from the 6th annual lottery, which launched Nov. 30, will be used to replace outdated equipment for telemedicine services.

Both hospitals in Haliburton and Minden will have the most state-of-the-art equipment available to offer virtual services that aren't physically available in the county, said Carolyn Plummer, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS). This includes higher resolution screens and cameras.

"That's going to be really important for us, particularly as we grow in our capacity as a rural health hub," said Plummer during the launch event at the Minden hospital.

HHHS runs the program with the Ontario Telemedicine Network. It makes it possible for specialists, such as a dermatologist, to see a patient from afar.

"We've done that before," she said in an interview.

The lottery is run by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Only 4,500 tickets are available. Cash prizes range from \$500 to \$20,000. To buy tickets, call 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580. You can also email foundation@hhhs.ca.



It was all thumbs up at last week's Cash for Care lottery launch. From left, HHHS chair Dave Bonham, HHHSF chair Peter Oyler, HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer, lottery chair Jim Mitchell and HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins. *Photo by Mark Arike*

HHHS ends year in the black

By Mark Arike

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is expected to end its fiscal year in the black.

During a Nov. 30 meeting, David Gray, board treasurer and finance committee chair, reported the corporation had a surplus of \$56,000 compared to \$26,000 at the same time last year. They expect to end the year with a \$41,000 surplus.

While there continues to be deficiencies in longterm care, this has been offset by positive numbers in the acute care departments and Community Support Services.

The surplus will drop next year because previously

vacant positions have been filled. In an interview, CEO Carolyn Plummer said it was the chief nurse executive position that had the most impact.

"It took us longer than anticipated to recruit for that position," said Plummer.

The fiscal year goes from April 1 to March 31. HHHS has submitted its draft budget plan for next year to its funder, the Local Health Integration Network. It's balanced, said Plummer.

In 2015-16, HHHS had a deficit of \$420,000. This was mainly due to staff sick time and overtime. The organization withdrew \$385,000 in net assets from reserves to return to a balanced position.







Highlander business

Calendars help pet owners pay for emergencies

By Mark Arike

For the first time ever, sales of the Minden Animal Hospital calendar will support the Haliburton Pet Owners' Assistance Fund

The 2018 calendar features photos of 10 dogs, three cats and one serval (a tall exotic African cat). The images were submitted by pet owners who have contributed money to the HPOAF. The calendar also includes monthly pet health tips, reminders for tick and heartworm prevention, and special pet dates (such as photo day with Santa this past Saturday).

"The Minden Animal Hospital has done calendars before to benefit other charities, but this is the first time they've done one to support HPOAF," said Tayce Wakefield, the HPOAF's secretary and treasurer.

The HPOAF is a registered charity that helps local pet owners who cannot afford the cost of non-routine veterinary treatments. Since launching two years ago, it has helped 12 dogs and 10 cats with conditions ranging from diabetes to mass

removal to smoke inhalation (resulting from a car accident). Financial contributions have poured in from almost 100 donors and change has been collected in toonie jars at veterinarian clinics and pet stores in the county.

The Minden Animal Hospital teamed up with Parker Pad & Printing to produce 100 calendars. If all of them sell, more will be printed.

"Pets are often the closest companions of seniors, those on disability support and others in our community," said Dr. Jenn Morrow, owner of the animal hospital. "Their owners generally take good care of their pets, but occasionally health issues arise which require extra care, treatment and



A photo of Gus, taken by Jeff Gardiner, graces the cover of the 2018 Minden Animal Hospital calendar. Submitted.

Wakefield encourages everyone to get a calendar and make a difference in the lives of pets and their owners

"When you think about it, everyone needs a calendar, so what a great way to help local pets and people, and get good tips on caring for your pet," she said.

They are available at the Minden Animal Hospital for a donation, or can be ordered by sending an email to haliburtonpetfund@yahoo.ca. If you'd like one mailed to you, a minimum contribution of \$12.50 by cheque or e-transfer is recommended to cover the costs of postage and packaging.

To learn more about the HPOAF, visit haliburtonpetfund.

Minden **Ladies Night**

Right: Minden Pharmasave staff member, Laurie Rhymer gets into the Christmas spirit during last Thursday's Minden Ladies Night. Far right: Shoppers enjoy ladies night. Photos by Walt Griffin.





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Municipal Administration Office Holiday Hours

The office will be open 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, daily, until Friday December 22. The office will be Closed from Monday December 25, 2017 to Monday, January 1, 2018, and will reopen Tuesday January 2, 2018 at 8:30 am. Enjoy A Safe & Festive Holiday Season!

NOTICE Budget Standing Committee Meeting

Take Notice that the Budget Standing Committee, comprised of all members of Council, will meet on Tuesday December 12, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON to review the first draft of the 2018 Budget.

For further information regarding the meeting, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk,

Dawn Newhook, Clerk Township of Minden Hills 705-286-1260 ext. 205 dnewhook@mindenhills.ca

Euchre every Tuesday at 7pm at the Lochlin Community Centre 4713 Gelert Rd. Lunch/refreshments served.

Meeting & Events

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Christmas Food & Toy Drop Off

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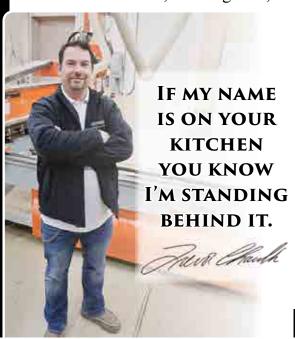
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Highlander environment

Bat project records more than 10,000 bat calls

White nose fungus evident in county

By Alex Coop

For the first time ever, bat populations in the county are being meticulously recorded, and according to the data collected so far, of the eight bat species in Ontario, all of them can be found in the Highlands.

"The response has been phenomenal," said Paul Heaven, wildlife biologist and principal investigator for the Bat Project, pointing to the public's participation in the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's (HHLT) Bat Project.

The \$104,000, two-year provinciallyfunded project, which started in May, aims to help the HHLT document bat populations on its four nature reserves to understand how a specific fungus has impacted them.

The fungus in question, pseudogymnoascus destructans, also known as the white-nose syndrome, was first observed in 2010, said Heaven, and has spread across North America at an alarming rate, wiping out bat populations by more

than 90 per cent in most hibernation sites. White-nose syndrome wakes bats up from

hibernation, which during the winter can be deadly with a lack of

Eagle Lake resident J.T Lowes saw a bat earlier this year in his front yard. It was flopping around on the ground, still alive, he said, but something was

insects to feed on.

"It was trying to nip away at the snow fleas on A bat in the snow. Photo by Alex the ground," said Lowes. When he reported the

sighting to Heaven, he was told that the white-nose syndrome was most likely the cause of the strange behaviour.

"It's like the Indy 500 at night around my house," said Lowes about the swarms of bats that come out to eat insects.

However, he added that for the past

few years, he's noticed a drop in the bat population around his neighbourhood.

"They're still around, but not in the numbers we're used to seeing.'

Heaven said this type of reporting from the public is crucial to the project,

especially early on when the hot spots weren't identified.

But now, Heaven said there are several identifiable sites in the county where anywhere between 4,000-6,000 bat calls were recorded.

Bat recorders, purchased through the provincial funding, are triggered by ultrasonic sound. They

stay on for 12 hours overnight, after which Heaven takes the data back to his office and analyzes the data.

Every bat has a different frequency that is unique to a specific species.

"The weather this summer wasn't great, which did reduce the quality of the calls.

But it worked out, and overall we managed to visit 56 sites from Dorset to Tory Hill," said Heaven. "All sites with big representation of bats will be revisited next summer for investigation."

Turtle Project turns heads at conference

Heaven presented the land trust's threeyear Turtle Road Mortality and Mitigation project in Quebec last month during a special conference.

Hosted by the Corridor Appalachian and the Ontario Road Ecology Group, Heaven's presentation piqued the interest of academics, conservation groups and government officials, said Heaven, including the Ministry of Transportation in Ontario and Quebec.

"We're starting to really get that information out there. Haliburton is being heralded for this project. The community needs to hear about that after all that effort."

Dahl Forest Canada 150 Award

(HHLT) and the Dahl family, donors of the Dahl Forest, have been officially recognized for their contribution to habitat conservation by Environment and Climate Change Canada as part of their Canada 150 Celebrations. On Dec. 4, friends of the HHLT, former board members, Peter Dahl and Jan MacLennan, gathered at the kiosk of the Dahl Forest to officially unveil the new plaque. Only 150 properties across the country have been recognized. Submitted.





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Cruisers full of food

Marc Jones, Courtney Crowe and Tyler Johnson accept food donations at Todd's Independent Grocer in Haliburton on Saturday, Dec. 2 as part of the Haliburton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police's fill-the-cruiser event. Police and auxiliary also went to Park's Foodland in Haliburton and Easton's Valu-Mart and Dollo's Foodland in Minden. A total of 557 bags of food and \$830 in cash was collected. This Saturday, Dec. 9, they'll be at the Wilberforce Foodland from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Const. Dianna Dauphinee urged people to "come out to these locations and donate a food item to help us fill a cruiser and our local food banks. All food items stay in the communities where they are collected. The Haliburton Highlands OPP would like to thank the public for their ongoing support for this event, as well as the grocery store owners, managers and staff." (Lisa Gervais)



Skate parks catches air

Total Site Services and Pat Casey have donated \$23,000 towards Haliburton Junction Skate Park. "It's an investment in our youth," said Casey. The skate park committee held a public information session Nov. 14 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. In a press release, they said people had ideas for future programming and fundraising. The committee's raised \$170,000 to date, "which would not be possible without the support of our community," the release said. "We still have to raise another \$40,000, but are confident that we can do this over the next few months." Construction of the skate park has been put on hold due to winter but will resume in the spring. In the meantime, the committee is preparing to host Battle of the Bands on Feb. 10 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. The show will open and close with Cassidy Glecoff and her band Northbourne. The committee is looking for bands and musicians to perform. There is no cost to enter and prizes will be awarded. If interested contact Andrea Mueller at amueller@dysartetal.ca or 705-457-1740. Submitted.

Yoga for heat

Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton and Amanda Rico teamed up again to offer yoga classes Wednesday mornings at the Village Barn in Haliburton. Admission was by donation. They felt that heading into winter, the Heat Bank was the best place to donate the money. The Heat Bank's John Teljeur confirmed that \$805 was raised. Royal LePage of Haliburton and Rico wanted to thank everyone who came out for those early mornings to participate and donate. Pictured left to right: Amanda Rico of Amanda Rico Yoga, John Teljeur from the Heat Bank, and Marcia Bell from Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton. Submitted.



The to re their year

Thank you!

The township of Minden Hills would like to recognize and thank the following for their support and participation in this year's Santa Claus parade:

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- * the Minden Lions Club for marshalling and sponsoring the awards
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Highlander events





Left: Harpist Marie Watson with her student, Grace Judge, entertain the crowd. Right: Ellenor Bagg cuts a slice of cake for Joan Stinson to serve. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

Christmas comes to Haliburton Hospital lobby

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary held its annual Christmas open house and bake sale on Sunday, Dec. 3. Guest were greeted with cake at the front door of the hospital lobby, courtesy of the Eagle Lake Country Market, and harpist Marie Watson and her student, Grace Judge strumming. The gift shop was hopping and the halls were lined with booths offering all manner of yuletide fair. Wendy Gamble from Haliburton Lake was the lucky winner of the wheelbarrow of wine draw and the auxiliary raised just over \$2,800 at the gift shop and \$1,150 from their bake sale for a combined \$3,950. (Lisa Gervais)

An Abbey Gardens Christmas

Together with the Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Abbey Gardens hosted a winter festival and farmers' market on Saturday, Dec. 3. People took a tractor-pulled wagon ride to meet Santa, created Christmas crafts, decorated sugar cookies, snacked on a variety of local foods and shopped at the winter farmers' market. (Lisa Gervais)

Far right top: Santa's helper, Carol Krieger, hard at work for the man in the background. Far right bottom: Jessalynn Thompson gets crafty. Right: Jack Walker enjoys the winter festival. Photos by Lisa Gervais.





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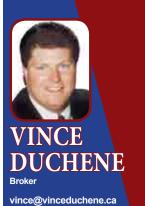




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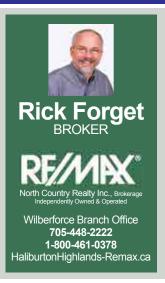


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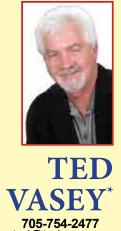








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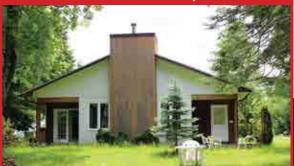


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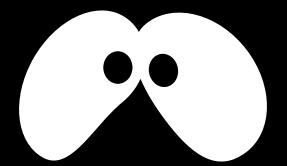
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The Haliburton Youth Curling Club hosted a bonspiel on Saturday, Dec.2 at the Haliburton Curling Club. About 32 kids from the county participated. (Lisa Gervais)

Above: Corin Gervais sweeps hard in the rings. Left: Aiden Hill and Abi Lewis keep a keen eye on this rock, determining the weight. Should they leave it or sweep? Far left: Dalton Fairey and Hayden Thorn sweep hard as their team's rock heads up the ice. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

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Two Highland Storm Tykes head up ice during a game against the South Muskoka Bears Sunday, Dec. 3 in Minden. The Tykes trounced the Bears 10-0. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

The Highlander/Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets

On Tuesday, Nov. 28, the Highland Storm travelled to Woodville to take on the Hurricanes. Goals were scored by Lucas Haedicke, Owen Patterson-Smith, Josh Boice, Nolan Flood and Owen Gilbert. The Storm were able to beat the Hurricane 5-2. Next, the midgets will be travelling to Huntsville to take on the Otters on Dec. 16 at 2:10 p.m. (Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke)

The JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees

On Sunday, Nov. 26, the Storm headed to Elmvale to take on the Coyotes. The Coyotes struck first and held a 1-0 lead into the second. The Coyotes threw everything they had at the net with Storm goalie Damon Harriss doing everything he could to keep his team in the game. The



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Coyotes managed to get one by to take a 2-0 lead. The Storm weren't going down without a fight and Zander Upton put one in, assisted by Avery Degeer to cut the Coyotes lead in half. The Storm kept trying but the Coyotes netted two more to take the game 4-1.

The peewees travel to Whitby to take on the Durham Crusaders on Saturday, Dec. 9 and head to Parry Sound to face the Shamrocks on Sunday, Dec.10. (Submitted by Ron Hall).

The Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House/Dollo's Foodland Bantams

The Highland Storm played the Sturgeon Thunder Nov. 28 in Minden. A pretty power play goal by Jake Sisson, off a lovely pass from Tyson Clements opened the scoring. Exceptional goaltending by Ben Landry kept the Storm in front until the second period when the Thunder were finally able to get one past him. The Thunder took the lead a few minutes later when the Storm found themselves in penalty trouble and played shorthanded for an extended period of the middle frame. The Storm penalties continued in the third period and they never got their rhythm back, resulting in a 3-1 loss.

On Nov 30, it was down to Lindsay for a rematch against the Kawartha Coyotes. The teams tied 3-3 last week. The Coyotes struck early, scoring on their second shift, however some excellent forchecking by Sisson gave him the opportunity to tie things. The second period saw the teams trade goals frequently with Storm markers coming from Brendan Coumbs and a textbook two-onone with Desi Davies setting up Cody Switzer. The Storm were down 4-3 heading into the third period and couldn't find the back of the net, losing 5-3.

Storm reports

On Dec. 2, the Storm travelled to Sundridge for a tilt against the Almaguin Ice Devils. Landry showed that he was ready, making a splendid stop on a Devil breakaway in the first minute. The Storm played very strong the first two periods and displayed some excellent penalty killing, and when called upon, Landry was rock solid between the pipes, giving the Storm a 2-0 lead heading into the third with goals by Connor Sobrey and Jax Gill. The Devils did manage to come back in the final period taking advantage of some power plays to tie the game 2-2.

Dec. 3 saw the Storm travel to Beaverton to face the Brock Wild, coming home with a convincing 7-1 victory. The team's next game is against the Woodville

The team's next game is against the Woodville Hurricanes Friday in Minden at 7 p.m. (*Submitted by Gord Hoenow*).

The GJ Burtch Construction Atom AE

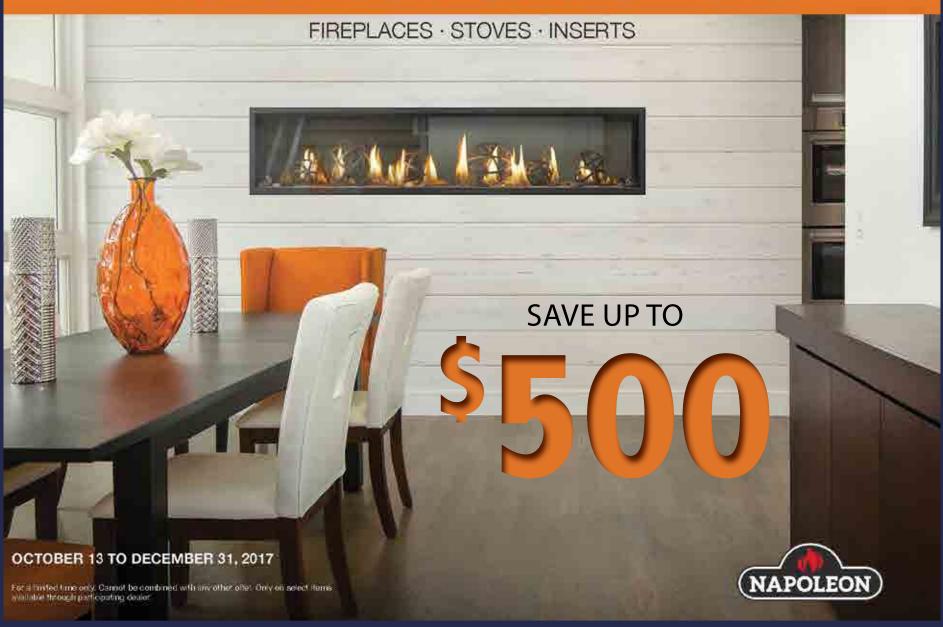
On Dec. 2, the Storm travelled to Collingwood to take on the Blackhawks. Both teams came out strong in the first period but neither was able to score. The Storm fought hard with shots off the post but the puck just wasn't bouncing their way. They were unable to score, losing 2-0.

On Dec. 3, they travelled to Gravenhurst to play the South Muskoka Bears. The Bears came on strong, scoring only minutes into the game. The Storm gave it their best but weren't able to get any past the Bears in a 7-0 loss.

Dec. 7-10, the Atom AE team travels south to play in the Ayr tournament with an early 8 a.m. start on Friday morning. (*Submitted by Lisa Reinwald*).

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Healthy eating is a very important part of our overall hockey (and life) game plan. I'm on a mission to reduce the processed food that we consume. Several years ago, I quit buying breakfast cereal because it's highly processed, full of sugar, and lacks nutrients.

This week, I thought I'd share some of the things we have been eating instead of breakfast cereal along with a couple of recipes.

Admittedly, there are many rushed mornings when the kids are ushered out the door with little more than buttered toast and a glass of water but at least a few days every week I try to make some of the following: whole wheat banana muffins with chocolate chips (or other whole grain muffins), baked oatmeal, bacon or peameal with eggs, sweet potato pancakes with berry sauce and whipped cream, smoothies, French toast with real maple syrup, or yogurt and granola with raspberry sauce. These meals aren't too much work (many can be made ahead of time) and provide energy to last all morning without a sugar high.

Easiest homemade granola

4c rolled oats

1/4 cup ground almonds

½ cup chia seeds

1/4 cup shredded coconut (optional but delicious)

1/4 cup natural peanut butter or other nut butter

½ cup maple syrup

1 tsp vanilla

¼ tsp salt

Preheat oven to 300° and line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.

Stir oats, almonds, chia seeds, and coconut together in a large bowl.

Blend peanut butter, maple syrup, vanilla, salt, and ½ cup water in blender or food processor. Stir into oat mixture until well coated. Spread evenly onto prepared baking sheet and bake 40-50 min until golden brown and dry to touch, stirring once or twice while baking.

Highlander Hockey Mom

This is delicious sprinkled generously on yogurt and topped with raspberry sauce for breakfast or as a pre-or post-game snack.

Raspberry sauce

Raspberries are by far the preferred berry in our house but this can be adapted to whatever is the favourite in your house; blueberries or peaches would also be good.

To make the raspberry sauce, heat two packages of frozen raspberries in a pot on the stove top until thawed and bubbling. Stir in ¼ cup of maple syrup or honey and thicken by whisking in a little cornstarch stirred into cold water. Remove from heat to cool.

This sauce is good with the yogurt and granola but is also delicious on vanilla ice cream, with pancakes or waffles, topped with whipped cream, or poured on flourless chocolate cake. It is also something my kids enjoy "straight up" with a spoon in their school lunches once or twice per week. (Submitted by Tasha Degeer)



Storm visit Highland Wood

The G J Burtch Construction Atom AE team read, played games and did puzzles with residents at Highland Wood in Haliburton Nov. 27. The Highland Storm have been visiting monthly to give back to the community, spokesperson Amanda Rowden said. "We so often don't take the time to sit down and spend time with the elderly, a group of individuals who really love the company." She said highlights of the night included watching the kids learn history and the residents lighting up as they shared their stories.

Left: Evan Jones and Cayden Russell with a resident. (Submitted)

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The Storm travelled to Woodville to face the Hurricanes Nov. 28 for an exhibition game. A beautiful top shelf goal by Mak Prentice, assisted by Addison Carr, got things started. That was followed by an unassisted goal by Cheyenne Degeer. Unfortunately, the Hurricanes scored two within 30 seconds and it was 2-2 going into the second period. The frame started with a goal by the Hurricanes, however the Storm were not going to give up. Kadin Card scored unassisted, followed by a goal by Brechin Johnston, assisted by Degeer. Woodville was awarded a penalty shot and scored to make it 4-4. The Storm dominated the third. Carr scored, assisted by Austin Latanville, then Degeer scored, assisted by Johnston, followed by another unassisted goal by Carr, next a goal by Prentice, assisted by Degeer and finally Carr with his hat trick goal, assisted by Prentice. Final score: 9-4 Storm.

On Dec. 3, the team travelled to Fenelon Falls to face the Sturgeon Lake Thunder, losing 4-1. The lone Storm goal was scored by Carr, assisted by Johnston and Degeer.

On Dec. 9 at 2 p.m., they travel to Beaverton to face the Brock Wild and on Dec. 10 at 2 p.m., they travel to Parry Sound to face the Shamrocks. (Submitted by Amber Card).

Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes

On Dec. 2, the Storm travelled to the Lindsay Recreation Complex to face the Lindsay Muskies. The back-andforth battle resulted in a 4-4 tie. Vanek Logan scored unassisted. Evan Perrott's hard work and determination earned him a hat trick, the first goal assisted by Logan, the second unassisted, and the third with the help of Mason Latanville.

The tykes then hosted the South Muskoka Bears on Dec. 3 at the S.G. Nesbitt arena in Minden. The Storm came out strong, hitting the scoreboard hard early in the game. Logan opened the scoring with a beautiful breakaway goal. Hungry for more, he carried the puck through traffic and put it in the net again. Breaking up the right side, defenseman Evan Perrott waited for the goalie to go down and slid one by. Next, Jack Tomlinson and Logan skated up the ice all alone, side by side from center, resulting in Logan burying the puck in the back of the net. Luke Gruppe dug in, turning over the puck and Easton Burk picked up the loose puck at center ice and put it through the goaltender's five hole. Following suit, Perrott put one through the five hole. With 1:48 left in the period, Tomlinson took a perfect pass from Logan to hit the open

Storm reports continued

left side of the net on a one timer. Gruppe, Jaxon Casey and McCartney Saunders fought hard, turning the puck over from the Bears multiple times to help the Storm keep their lead.

Mason Latanville scored the lone goal in the second, with the help of Logan. Latanville, on a line change error by the Bears, took the opportunity to put the puck into the net early in the third. Despite great passing and shooting, the Bears goalie stopped the next few shots. Not giving up, Tomlinson slid one by on the right side, assisted by Logan.

The Storm's defenseman, Matthew Scheffee, Ethan DeCarlo, Zach Prentice and Perrott, held the blue line throughout the game, and Carter Braun got the 10-0 shutout.

The tykes travel to Millbrook Dec. 8 for a three-day tournament. (Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson).

Local League

The TD Bank/Pharmasave Local League Atom teams joined together this past weekend for the Silver Stick regional qualifier in Haliburton.

They knew the first game was going to be tough because they were taking on last year's finalists, the Apsley Flames. The team learned a lot about the physicality of the game. Although they got behind early, they never gave up. Daniel Stephen scored on a breakaway to spark a comeback to start the third. But, it was not to be. Final

Next up was last year's champions, the Beeton Stingers. The Storm opened the scoring with a beautiful feed from Lara Gallant to Daniel Stephen. Unfortunately, Beeton responded with two of their own before the end of the first period. The Storm was able to capitalize on a power play in the second when Nathan Morrison fired a slapper from the blueline to make it 3-2 Beeton. Refusing to give up, the Storm kept the Stingers pinned in their own end. Once again the tandem of Gallant and Stephen were at it again. This time they set up Haiden Bird for the Storm's third goal of the game. In a nail-biter, the Storm managed a 3-3 tie.

In the final game, the atoms drew the Havelock Hawks. The Storm jumped ahead 2-0 with unassisted goals by Daniel Stephen and Ethan Thomas. Despite some stellar goaltending by both Bryan Robichaud and Jacob Lloyd the Hawks were able to claw their way back into a tie game. Then, with a goal late in the third, the Hawks secured their spot in the semis against Havelock to end the Storm's tournament.

Next up: the Pharmasave Local League Atom 1 team travels to South Muskoka on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. The TD Bank Local League Atom 2 team will be travelling to Hunstville on Dec. 16 at 10:40 a.m. (Submitted by Jamie Lloyd).





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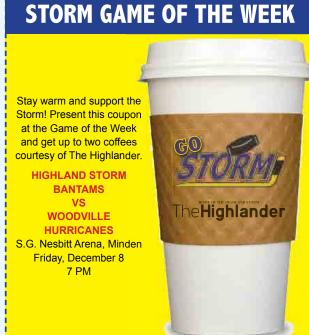
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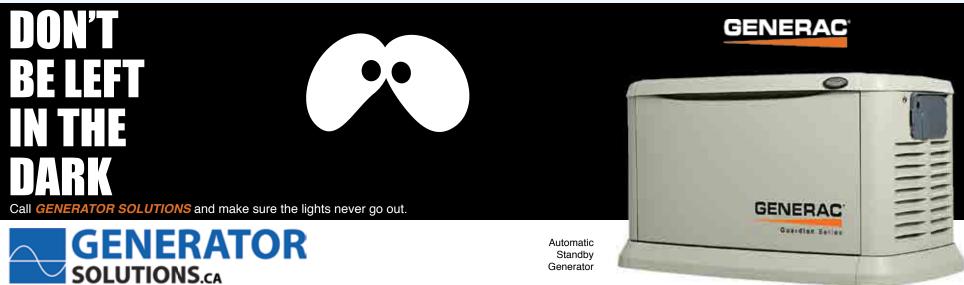
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Tyke 2 report

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The stands were packed to watch this new actionfilled cross ice three-on-three hockey. Although official scores are not recorded due to new tyke age regulations, the Storm dominated the play for the majority of the 60-minute game and every single player on the Storm team walked away with at least one goal.

Congratulations to all tyke 2 scorers: Tyler Hughes, Henry Neilson, Jacob Manning, Hawksley Dobbins, Cruize Neave, Neil Mihlik, Nixon Ecclestone, Lyla

Jets reports

Degeer, Landyn Simms, Brycen Harrison, Benton Lloyd, Hunter Hamilton and Leighton Nesbitt. (Submitted by Cheryl Smith).

The Bancroft IDA/Red Eagle Family Campground Midgets

The Bancroft Jets Girls won both home games this past weekend. True Nulty played some solid games between the pipes due to both Jets goalies being injured. They played an exhibition game on Saturday against the Otonabee Wolverine C for a 4-0 win. Sunday's game was a fast-paced game where Jules Croskery recorded a hat trick as she led the Jets to a 4-2 win against the Cold Creek Comets. (Submitted by Lysane Burnett).

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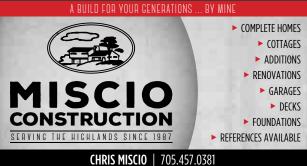


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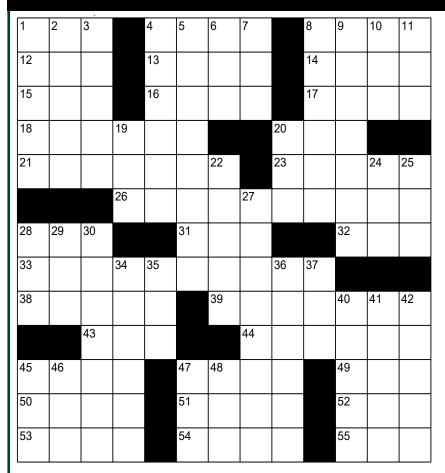




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Highlander events





Nutcracker success could lead to fourth show in 2018

Once again, the community flocked to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion to witness the magic of The Nutcracker. One of three shows sold out last weekend, and the other two weren't far behind. "It was fantastic," said Julie Barban, choreographer and owner of Heritage Ballet. "Never sold so many seats. [I'm] now thinking we have to add a fourth show." The cast of nearly 100 included children and adults. Students from Cardiff Elementary School and Stuart Baker Elementary School saw the show during last Friday's dress rehearsal. Transportation from Cardiff was paid for by the Haliburton Lions Club. (Photos by Mark Arike)

Far left: Claire Karaguesian as the peacock. She also played big mouse and the Snow Queen. Left: Ron Artemis as the Mouse King duels with The Nutcracker, played by Nick Phippen. Below left: Leif Artemis, left. and Jessica McCready-Debruin as Raggedy Ann and Andy. Below right: Dancers from Verba Ukrainian Dance Company in Winnipeg opened for The Nutcracker.









Left: There was a large turnout at the Kolomyjka event at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. Right: The crowd goes wild as members of Verba Ukrainian Dance Company perform. *Photos by Mark Arike*.

Ukrainian dance a hit in Haliburton

Locals didn't have to go far to learn a few Ukrainian dance moves last week. That's because Dance Happens Here Haliburton brought four members of Winnipeg's Verba Ukrainian Dance Company to the Haliburton School of Art and Design on Dec. 1. Close to 100 people were taught a traditional village folk dance and Kolomyjka, a fast-paced folk dance with goofy-rhymed verses. They also had a chance to see the professionals in action. (Mark Arike)





What's on

DECEMBER 2017 • EVENT LISTINGS

Thursday, December 7

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Craft Group in Wilberforce, at Deep Roots Store, every Thursday. Call 705-448-9888.

11 – noon – Adult Shinny at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$5/person

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adults Only Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2/person

Noon – 2 p.m. – Community Christmas Lunch, at Minden Legion. Presented by HHHS Community Support Services, RSVP by Nov 30th. Entertainment & delicious turkey dinner, with dessert! \$19/person. Call 705-457-2941 to order your tickets.

6:30 p.m. – Let it Glow! - Kinmount Christmas tree lighting, at the train station. Caroling, bonfire, treats, and free photos with Santa!

Friday December 8

Noon – 2 p.m. – Community Christmas Lunch, at Wilberforce Legion. Presented by HHHS Community Support Services, RSVP by Dec 1st. Entertainment & delicious turkey dinner, with dessert! \$15/person. Call 705-457-2941 to order your tickets.

4 – 7 p.m. St Paul's Anglican Church, Children's Christmas Gift Sale, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden, nothing more than \$1. For more info call the church office at 705-286-2541.

Saturday December 9

Christmas in the Village, Kinmount

 $8:\!30-11$ a.m. Breakfast with Santa, at St. James Anglican Church, Crego St., Kinmount.

10 a.m. -2 p.m. - Kinmount Farmers' Market, at the Community Centre. Free Christmas crafts for kids, Kinny elf hunt.

12:30 p.m. – Horse drawn wagon rides at the Railway station.

2 p.m. – Santa at the Legion, meet at the post office and follow him up to the legion for a free family lunch and gifts for kids 10 and under.

7 p.m. – Jingle & Mingle – Christmas music night with Rhythmfoot at Galway Hall. Desserts, Ioonie auction. Tickets \$15. 705-488-2635

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's Course, for people aged 12 and up. See hcsa.ca/driver-training/ for details.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. St Paul's Anglican Church, Children's Christmas Gift Sale, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden, nothing more than \$1. For more info call the church office at 705-286-2541. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Fill the Cruiser Food Drive at Wilberforce Foodland. All donations received will support Wilberforce and Cardiff food banks.

4 – 7 p.m. – The Highlands Trio, in the Clubroom at the Haliburton Legion. \$5 cover for non-members, 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal for \$6 by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Sunday December 10

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton.\$2/person

11:15 a.m. – White Gift Sunday at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., at Pine Ave., Haliburton. 705-457-1891, hpcharge@bellnet.ca

12 – 2 p.m. – Family Christmas Ornament workshop, in the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Common Room. Free, drop-in event, a fun afternoon for the whole family.

12:30 p.m. — Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade. Begins at Wilberforce elementary school, and parades to the Lloyd Watson Community Centre, where Santa will be available for free photos with the kids, gifts, and goodies. Fun for everyone!

Tuesday December 12

7:30 p.m – Enviro-Café, at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Learn about a passive housing project. Owners Jim and Joan Joseph will talk about their eco-friendly home under construction.

Wednesday December 13

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2/person

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, \$2/person. Children under 10 must wear a CSA approved helmet.

7:30 p.m. – Lochlin United Church annual community "Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-a-long". At 1050 Lochlin Rd. (off Gelert Rd.) Refreshments to follow – hot cider and Christmas goodies. Donations to the food banks gratefully accepted. 705-457-1891, hpcharge@bellnet.ca

Thursday, December 14

11 a.m. -2 p.m. - Craft Group in Wilberforce, at Deep Roots Store, every Thursday. Call 705-448-9888.

11 – noon – Adult Shinny at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$5/person

12 – 2 p.m. – Adults Only Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2/person

Sunday December 17

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2/person

11:15 a.m.- Advent Choral Service with the Haliburton United Church choir, directed by Melissa Stephens, at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton. 705-457-1891, hpcharge@bellnet.ca

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, \$2/person. Children under 10 must wear a CSA approved helmet.

7 p.m. – Essonville Historic Church Carol Service – 1284 Essonville Line (County Rd. 4). An old fashioned carol service by lantern and candlelight in a historic setting.

Tuesday December 19

10 – 11 a.m. Coffee & Colouring, at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Library, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month!

Wednesday December 20

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, \$2/person. Children under 10 must wear a CSA approved helmet.

Wednesday December 20

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2/person

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, \$2/person. Children under 10 must wear a CSA approved helmet.

Thursday, December 21

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Craft Group in Wilberforce, at Deep Roots Store, every Thursday. Call 705-448-988

11a.m. – noon – Adult Shinny at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$5/person

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adults Only Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2/person

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, FREE!. Children under 10 must wear a CSA approved helmet.

Sunday December 24

10 a.m. – Joint Pastoral Charge Morning Service, at Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Rd., 10 a.m. singing, 10:30 a.m. service. 705-457-1891, hpcharge@bellnet.ca

7 p.m.. – Joint Pastoral Charge Evening Service – Communion and Special Music, at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton. 705-457-1891, hpcharge@bellnet.ca

Wednesday December 27

11 – noon – Adult Shinny at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. FREE!

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. FREE!

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1p.m.

Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

Thursday general meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per

draw ... Chester Howse, MC. Friday cribbage 1 p.m. start and fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards

Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon

Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed

The Highlands Trio, Saturday, Dec. 9, 4-7 p.m. in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only \$6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. \$5 cover charge for non-members Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705) 457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH

Karaoke Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Our ``Tree of Warmth`` is ready and waiting for donations of warm outerwear, to supplement the Food Bank's Christmas Baskets. The seniors art group have a hands-on session every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. There are a few openings in this group, so if you have been waiting, now is your chance. Ladies darts have resumed for the fall, Wed. afternoon at 1 p.m.Monday-every second week rug hooking; Tuesday, seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.; Wednesday, meat draw noon; Thursday, mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m. mixed darts; Saturday, meat draw 1 p.m.; Sunday, sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.-Fri, with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Dec. 8 + 55 Community Care Christmas lunch. To book call - Denice Butler 705-448-8865

Dec. 8 Wing night 6:30 - 9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 9 Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp

Dec. 10 L.A. Breakfast 9 a.m. – noon

Dec. 10 Santa Claus parade 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 11 Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome

Dec. 12 General meeting 7 p.m.

Dec. 13 Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

We are in dire need of volunteers for many different things we have going on. If anyone is interested in helping call 705-448-2221 and sign up today. Travelling this winter? Get your travel insurance through your membership. Legion is closed Christmas and Boxing Day.



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